

DIWAN PEISHKARS SINCE 1050—LIST OF

263. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to give the names of persons who have held the post of the Diwan Peishkar since 1050 M.E. and the period for which each of them held the post; has any person other than a Caste-Hindu ever held that post?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): The names of persons who have held the post of Division Peishkar or Diwan Peishkar since 1050 M.E. are given in the statement placed on the Table. For want of relevant records, information regarding the periods during which the officers held the appointment between 1050 and 1080 cannot be given.

Mr. M. A. Chacko was acting as Division Peishkar and District Magistrate for some time.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know, Sir, whether, after the bifurcation of the post of the "Peishkar and District Magistrate" there has been any person other than a caste Hindu as District Magistrate or Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): From the statement placed on the Table you can find it out.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know when these posts were separated?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Notice.

CYCLONE RELIEF MEASURES

264. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) what all relief measures have Government undertaken for the people of Cochin who have been affected by the cyclone which took place on 13th Edavam 1116;
- (b) whether they have given wide publicity to such measures to enable all people to take advantage of those reliefs?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*):

- (a) The following relief measures were undertaken by the Government for the people of Cochin who have been affected by the cyclone.—

- (i) Rice was distributed to those affected by the cyclone and the floods whose cases demanded such distribution. A sum of

Rs. 20,000 was sanctioned for this item of relief.

(ii) Free grants were distributed to an extent of about Rs. 1,25,000 to the poor people who were rendered homeless for the reconstruction of their houses which were damaged or destroyed. A sum of Rs. 1,30,000 has been sanctioned for this item of relief.

(iii) Arrangements are also being made for the grant of loans interest free and otherwise to others who are in immediate need of cash to repair the damages to their house and properties. A sum of Rs. 2,00,000 has been provisionally sanctioned for this.

(iv) The question of giving remission of land revenue in deserving cases is engaging attention.

(v) Prices of building materials have been regulated so that merchants may not raise the prices of these on account of the high demand.

(vi) Applications for house construction and agricultural loans have been exempted from payment of stamp duty and registration fees.

(vii) The commutation rate of paddy has been reduced to 8 annas per *para* in the case of Devaswams and Estates managed by Government, and orders have been issued that payment in kind should not be insisted upon for *pattom*, etc., dues.

(viii) Coercive steps of every kind have been ordered to be kept in abeyance for a specified time.

(ix) The Director of Public Instruction has been authorised to allow reduction in school fees in all deserving cases during this educational year.

(b) Yes. Wide publicity of such relief measures has been given by publication of these orders in the Gazette and local papers and through village officers.